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Laura Taylor-Kale is an in-residence International Affairs Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. At CFR Laura is researching the impact of artificial intelligence on U.S. economic competitiveness and the future of manufacturing. She is also the deputy director of CFR's independent task force on the future of the U.S. workforce and co-author of the task force's upcoming report "The Work Ahead: Machines, Skills and U.S. Leadership in the Twenty-First Century." From 2016-2017, Laura served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Manufacturing in International Trade Administration at the U.S. Department of Commerce. In this position, she managed a team of fifty international trade specialists and

oversaw a broad portfolio of programs and trade policies aimed at increasing global opportunities and the international competitiveness of U.S. manufacturers. Prior to joining the U.S. Department of Commerce, Laura served as the senior advisor for policy and operations at the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) from 2014-2016 where she coordinated policy for OPIC's \$5 billion portfolio of investments in sub-Saharan Africa and Asia. She has also held positions at the World Bank as an advisor to the U.S. executive director and special assistant to the vice president for sustainable development. From 2003-2012, Laura was a career Foreign Service officer in the U.S. Department of State where she was posted in Afghanistan, Cote d'Ivoire, India, and the Bureau of Economics and Business Affairs. She holds a BA in Economics and Anthropology from Smith College, an MPA with a concentration in demography and international economic development from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University, and an MBA in finance and management from the New York University Stern School of Business. For the fall 2017 semester, Laura taught a Woodrow Wilson School MPA workshop. Laura is a recipient of the Boren and Pickering Foreign Affairs undergraduate fellowships, a former CFR term member, an International Career Advancement Program fellow, and has served on the advisory council of the Woodrow Wilson School.